रहे हैं, जिनके बारे में मैंने कहा कि उनकी क्वालिटी ऐसी है जिसका हमारे यहां उपयोग नहीं होता है और दूसरे ऐसे हैं जिनके बारे में हम जानते हैं कि सौ साल बाद नई टेक्नालाजी आयेगी, दो सो साल तक जो हमारे पास रिजर्व है, उसको हमारे पास रखकर के बाकी की हमारे पास जो आयरन-ओर है, उसका एक्सपोर्ट करने में हमें कोई आपत्ति नहीं है और इस दृष्टिकोण से एक्सपोर्ट किया जा रहा है। जो एक्सपोर्ट किया जा रहा है वह घरेलू consumptionको काटकर नहीं किया जा रहा है। जो डोमेस्टिक नीड्स हैं, पहले हम उनको पूरा करेंगे और उसके बाद ही हमारा आयरन-ओर एक्सपोर्ट होगा। यदि हमें उसमें कटौती करनी पड़ेगी, तो अभी हमने कटौती की है और जितने हमारे ग्रुप थे, प्राईवेट ग्रुप वाले भी थे, उनको बुलाकर के, पब्लिक अंडर टेकिंग को बुलाकर के, हमने यह निर्णय लिया है कि पिछली बार 6.3 मिलियन टन का एक्सपोर्ट था, उसको काटकर हम 1.7 मिलियन टन पर एक्सपोर्ट को ले आये हैं।

श्री उपसभापति: नेक्स्ट क्वेश्चन 348 श्री संतोष बागड़ोदिया।

श्री रुद्रनारायण पाणि: सर, मुझे क्वेश्चन पूछना है। ...(व्यवधान)...

श्री उपसभापति: बहुत से क्वेश्चन्स हैं, दूसरे सदस्यों के भी क्वेश्चन्स हैं। ...(व्यवधान)... क्वेश्चन नम्बर 348 ...(व्यवधान)...

श्री रुद्रनारायण पाणि: सर, मुझे क्वेश्चन पूछना है। सर, मैंने आपको नाम लिखवाया है। ...(व्यवधान)...

श्री उपसभापति: ऐसी बात नहीं है। ...(व्यवधान)...

Increasing coverage of BPL families under TPDS

*348. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:†
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of BPL families identified/covered under the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS); and

(b) the reasons for not covering the entire BPL families identified under the TPDS?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Santosh Bagrodia

Statement

(a) The total number of Below Poverty Line (BPL) families identified and issued ration cards by the State Governments/UTs under the Targetted Public Distribution System (TPDS) are 813.68 lakhs including 197.43 lakh antyodaya families.

(b) the estimated number of BPL families under the TPDS is 652.03 lakh which is based on the state-wise poverty estimates of the Planning Commission for 1993-94 and the population projection of the Registrar General of India as on 1.3.2000. Though some of the States/UTs have identified more BPL families, the allocation of foodgrains by the Central Government is restricted to the estimated number of families. This criteria is followed uniformly for all the States/UTs.

SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Sir, the criterion for identification of the poor is very complicated because, it is very difficult to know what the income of the family is.

श्री उपसभापति: कल विस्तार से इस पर डिसकसन हुआ है। आप जरा ...(व्यवधान)...

श्री संतोष बागड़ोदिया: सर, सवाल यही है, तो मैं क्या करूं। ...(व्यवधान)...

Sir, you did not allow me to put a supplementary on the earlier question concerning steel. ...(*Interruptions*)...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: इसीलिए एक सवाल पूछ लीजिए। The reply was given for one hour.

SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Sir, I fully agree. ...(*Interruptions*)... I fully agree that it was discussed in detail yesterday, but that is the question allotted to me. What do I do?

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No, no; you ask one question and, then, we will proceed to the next one.

SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Had you allowed me to seek one supplementary on the earlier question, I would not have asked this question.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Please ask a brief question.

SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Anyway, my only question which still remains to be asnwered is: Are you changing the criteria? And also, ...(*Interruptions*)...

श्री उपसभापति: आप थोड़ा सा बोलिए ...(व्यवधान)...

SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Are you going to supply the delivery between two weeks of every months? Let him reply again. What else to do?

डा॰ अखिलेश प्रसाद सिंह: माननीय सदस्य ने जो प्रश्न पूछा है, मैं बताना चाहता हूं कि नम्बर ऑफ फैमिलीज़ जो बीपीएल के नीचे हैं, उनकी संख्या का निर्धारण प्लानिंग कमीशन का एक्सपर्ट ग्रुप, जो प्रोफेसर लक्कड़वाला जी की अध्यक्षता में गठित हुआ था, उसके द्वारा निर्धारित methodology से निर्धारित किया जाता है और पॉवर्टी एस्टीमेट, 1993-94 में प्लानिंग कमीशन का जो प्रोजैक्शन था, उसके अनुसार जो रजिस्ट्रार जनरल ने बीपीएल फैमिलीज़ की संख्या निर्धारित की थी, वह 596.23 लाख थी -1997 में, जो बाद में 1.12.2000 को 652.03 लाख फैमिलीज़ हो गयी।। उसके आधार पर भारत सरकार गरीबी रेखा से नीचे के परिवारों को अन्न मुहैया कराती रही है। हालांकि दूसरे प्रदेशों से इस तरह की शिकायत मिलती है कि जो प्लानिंग कमीशन की निर्धारित संख्या है, कई राज्यों में उससे भी ज्यादा क़ार्ड्स बंटे हैं लेकिन भारत सरकार जो 35 किलो के हिसाब से चावल या गेहूं मुहैया कराती है, उसी के हिसाब से चावल और गेहूं भिन्न भिन्न राज्यों को मुहैया कराया जाता है।

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I think, this question. ...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Don't take away my right to put questions, Sir. ...(*Interruptions*)...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: One minute. Please sit down. I will explain it. इसके ऊपर बहुत विस्तार से डिसकशन हुई है। All aspects have been covered. Because some Members were not there, again, there is a repetition in the House. If there is a general consensus in the House, we can go to the next question.

SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: What is the general consensus? You don't need to have any consensus, Sir. Just tell me, "Don't ask the question." You don't need to have the consensus of the House on this. Nobody is bothered about me, Sir.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Q.NO. 349. ...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Sir, can I say something? You have taken the consensus of the House; I honour that. But you can simply tell me, "Don't ask the question." You don't need to have the consensus. Nobody is bothered about me.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I want to be more democratic! ...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Sir, you can take away my Personal right without going to the House!

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Q.No. 349. ...(*Interruptions*)...

श्री दिग्विजय सिंह: सर, मंत्री जी जवाब देने के लिए खड़े हो गए हैं। ...(व्यवधान)...

SHRI SHARAD ANANTRAO JOSHI: Sir, there is a contradiction between the answer given by the Union Minister for Agriculture yesterday and the answer given for question 348 here.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You can write to them. You will get the correct answer.

Medicines available without prescriptions

*349. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that fast action potent sedative drugs like Ketamine and Rohypnol are available in the market without prescriptions and there are reports of their rampant misuse; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to restrict the sale of such drugs in the market?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI) :(a) and (b) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

Ketamine Hydrocholoride is a Schedule H drug under the drugs & Cosmetics Rules, 1945, and therefore can be sold only against the prescription of Registered Medical Practitioners. Ketamine is a drug used for the induction of dissociative anesthesia.

In view of the alleged misuse of this drug reported by the press and a reference received in this regard from Narcotic Control Bureau, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare requested State Drugs Controllers to report whether this drug is being misused in their respective States. Except Goa, no other State reported the misuse of Ketamine in their respective States. After due consideration, this Ministry has intimated its consent to the Narcotic Control Bureau regarding their proposal of bringing the Ketamine under the control of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances